The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thurſday, April 14, 1726.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, April 7.

Extract of a Letter from Rome, dated March 23, 1726.

WHen the Pope declared on Wedneſday laſt, in the private Conſiſtory, That he intended to ſet out on the 30th of this Month for Benevento, to ſtay ſome Time there; the Cardinals at firſt applauded his Deſign, but endeavoured afterwards, tho' to no Purpoſe, to diſſwade him from it, fearing that his Holineſs will take a Reſolution to paſs the reſt of his Days there, and to abdicate the Papal Diadem. They are the rather apprehenſive of this, that the Holy Father has already ſigned a Bull, by which he ordains, That in caſe of a Pope's Death elſewhere than at Rome, the Conclave for electing a Succeſſor ſhall nevertheleſs be held at Rome, and not at the Place of his Demiſe, as is ordained by the Bulls of his Predeceſſors. The Cardinals Paulucci, Hanibal Albani, and Ottoboni, are to take Care of the Government during the Pope's Reſidence at Benevento; but the Cardinals Olivieri and Cinfuegos are to follow him in quality of the Emperor's Miniſters; as are likewiſe all the other Foreign Ambaſſidors. The Apoſtolic Treaſury excuſes itſelf from giving the 500 Roman Crowns, which 'tis uſual to allow to Popes daily on their Journey, pretending they have no Money.

Paris, April 13. On the 5th the Corps de Ville went to Vincennes, and made a very rich Preſent of Wines to the young Queen Dowager of Spain.

Orders are given to pay immediately the Reformed Officers who are to go and command the Militia in divers Parts of the Kingdom; and the Officers are furthwith to repair to their Poſts.

London, April 7. Monday laſt the Iſabella Sloop, Capt. John Powel, fell down the River in order to proceed on her Voyage to Portmahon, having on board ſeveral Officers, who are repairing to their reſpective Poſts there, and ſome Recruits for that Garriſon.

They write from Plymouth, April 1, That his Majeſty's Ship Wincheſter, ſailed thence for Spithead, having on board Sir George Walton, Rear-Admiral of the Blue; and beſides her own Complement, carrying above 300 Seamen, impreſs'd for the Service of the Fleet. They add, That the Rippon and Dunkirk were in perfect Readineſs, but remained there till they receive Orders to join the Squadron appointed for the Weſt Indies.

From the Flying Poſt, April. 7.

Petersburg, March 19. The Earl of Bruce, who was our Plenipotentiary at the laſt Congreſs held at Newſtadt, has obtained Leave of the Czarina to retire to one of his Lordſhips, by reaſon of his advanced Age and Infirmities. He is deſcended from an ancient and Noble Family in Scotland, from whence his late Father came over hither for Refuge about the middle of the laſt Century, on account of the Troubles which raged at that Time in his own Country.

Stockholm, March 28. It having been reported, that the King of Denmark was diſpoſed to enter into an Accommodation with the Duke of Holſtein, and that he had even made Propoſals to him about the Dutchy of Sleſwick; the Secretary of the Daniſh Embaſſy has declared by expreſs Order from the King his Maſter, that his Majeſty is very much ſurpriſed at ſuch groundleſs Reports, and that ſo far is he from quitting the ſaid Dutchy, that he will not ſo much as yield him the leaſt Village of it.

Warſaw, March 30. Mr. Finch the Britiſh Miniſter is at Court very often, and by his engaging Manner has won the Eſteem of all the Grandees. Mean Time his publick Audience is deferr'd ſtill, till the Opening of the General Diet of the States of Poland and Lithuania.

From the Poſt-Man, A—

Petersburg, March 19 The Equipment of the Fleet is haſtned more than ever, the Czarina has ſent Orders to ſeveral of her Sea Officers who are in ſome Foreign Ports, to raiſe more Officers, together with a Number of experienced Seamen, and able Surgeons; but for what ſuch a Naval Armament is intended, no Body can imagine.

Rome, A[illegible] 28. We are aſſured that the Duke of Giovane[illegible] will be made Ambaſſador of Spain at this Court, and Cardinal Alberoni Protector of that Crown. The former receiv'd ſome Diſpatches late[illegible]

lately from the Court of Madrid, the Contents whereof we do not know: But he has had since several Secret Conferences with the Cardinals Alberoni, Cinfuegos and Belluga.

Vienna, March 30. The Emperor has returned a very civil Anſwer to the Letter of the new Elector of Bavaria. The Duke of Richlieu the French Ambaſſador has taken his Houſe here for ſix Months longer, which confirms People in the Opinion, that his Excellency will not quit this Court ſo ſoon as was given out. This Miniſter having received an Expreſs from his Court the other Day, went immediately to Prince Eugene's Houſe, with whom he had a long Diſcourſe. When he returned to his Lodgings, the Miniſters of Great Britain and Pruſſia went likewiſe to confer with him. And we are aſſur'd that To-morrow his Excellency will ſend back the Courier.

Paris, April 5. Our laſt Advices from Bayonne ſay, that no Preparations are making for the Departure of the old Queen Dowager of Spain, which gives us Reaſon to think, that the Report which was ſpread in Foreign Parts, that her Majeſty was to go to reſide in Italy, was only a groundleſs Town Talk.

From the Evening Poſt, April 7.

Stockholm, March 28. On the 23d Inſtant Mr. Hopke Secretary of State, made in the Name of his Swediſh Majeſty, the following Declaration to Count Fritach, Envoy of the Emperor, That he (the ſaid Envoy) cannot be ignorant how the Crown of Sweden has for many Years been expoſed to very hard Calamities, inſomuch, that many Years will be required before it can perfectly Recover from the ſame, wherefore it is neceſſary for the general Good of the Kingdom, to conſider of the propereſt Means whereby Tranquillity, and a juſt Balance, chiefly in the North, and conſequently the univerſal Intereſt of Europe may be eſtabliſhed. In order to obtain ſo ſalutary an End, the Treaty between the three Crowns of France, Great Britain and Pruſſia, con[illegible]ed at Hanover is the Baſis. Therefore his [illegible]ſty and the Senate of Sweden, have th[illegible] neceſſary to accede to the ſame, n[illegible]ain'd in it which can in any wiſe [illegible]r to his Imperial Majeſty or t[illegible] And whereas his Imperial Maje[illegible]iſed of the Religious Grievances in Pol[illegible]t the Grandees of that Kingdom, have [illegible]ew, than to amuſe the Proteſtant Miniſters [illegible]e Words, his Imperial Majeſty will do well to [illegible] Matters ſo by his Intereſt with the King and Senate of Poland, that thoſe who are oppreſſed on Account of Religion, may receive ſpeedy Redreſs. The Imperial Envoy ſent immediately this ſerious Declaration to Vienna. The Swediſh Senate has taken this Step after very mature Deliberation, probably with a View to prevent, that by the new Form of Government, introduced of late in the Empire, no Prejudice may accrue to the former Alliance contracted with the Emperor, Sweden, Heſſe Caſſel and other Powers.

Paris, April 5. Letters from Madrid ſay, That the Ambaſſadors of G. Britain and Holland are daily in Conference with the D. de Riperda, Prime Miniſter of Spain. It ſeems his Catholic Majeſty is very much inclined to prevent all Breaches by a friendly Accommodation, and thereby preſerve Peace in Europe; and in order to this, his Majeſty has ſent Orders to the M. de St. Philippe, his Miniſter at the Hague, to offer to their H. Mightineſſes the good Offices of his Majeſty with the Emperor, for procuring them Redreſs of their Grievances, and endeavouring to prevent a Rupture. Some military Preparations are indeed carrying on in this Kingdom, but with ſuch Remiſneſs, that 'tis plain there are great Hopes of the Continuation of the Peace. The Camp which is to be formed near Campaigne, will conſiſt only of the Troops of the Houſhold, beſides 6 marching Regiments of Foot and 2 of Dragoons. The King will go and reſide in that City about a Week or 10 ten Days, to view them.

Hague, April 12. The States of the Province of Guelderland having paſs'd a Reſolution to accede to the Treaty of Hanover, the ſaid Reſolution was Yeſterday communicated in Form to the States General. Utrecht and Groeninghen are now the only Provinces remaining to agree to that Acceſſion.

London, April 7. Yeſterday after 11 a clock the 6 notorious Malefactors, condemed at Kingſton Aſſizes for the Murder of Mr. Thomas Ball, were executed near that Town; as was alſo Rich. Blackburn, for robbing on the High Way. They were guarded to the Place of Execution by the Sheriff's Officers, as uſual, and by a Party of 30 Foot Soldiers with their Pieces loaded and Bayonets fix'd to them. 'Tis thought there were 10,000 Spectators. They behav'd as to the outward Appearance with more Penitence than at their Trial, but Burnworth continued more obſtinate than the reſt, but none of them confeſſed any Thing. Orders are given for their Bodies to be hung in Chains.

S. S. Stock, 107, 1 4th. YorkBuildings, 21, 1 half.

Wye's

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, April 9.

THE Bill for preventing frivolous and vexatious Arreſts, enacts, That after the 24th Day of June 1726, no Perſon ſhall be held to ſpecial Bail, where the Cauſe or Action ſhall not amount to the Sum of 10 l. or upwards; and that in all the Caſes where the Cauſe or Action ſhall amount to the Sum of 10 l. or upwards, and the Plaintiff ſhall proceed by way of Proceſs againſt the Perſon, he ſhall not arreſt the Perſon of the Defendant, but ſerve him perſonally with a Copy of the Proceſs; and in caſe he ſhall not appear at the Return thereof, the Plaintiff may (on Affidavit being made and filed of perſonal Service) enter an Appearance, or file common Bail for the Defendant, and proceed thereon, as if ſuch Defendant had done the ſame.

It further enacts, That in all ſuch Caſes where the Cauſe or Action ſhall amount to 10 L. or upwards, Affidavit ſhall be made, as the Bill directs, and the Sum contain'd in ſuch Affidavits ſhall be indorſed on the back of the Writ or Proceſs; for which Sum ſo indorſed, the Sheriff or other Officer ſhall take Bail, and for no more: But if any Writ ſhall iſſue for the Sum of 10 L. or upwards, and no ſuch Affidavit or Indorſement made, the Plaintiff ſhall not proceed to arreſt the Body of the Defendant, but proceed in like Manner, as the Bill directs, in Caſes where the Cauſe or Action does not amount to the Sum of 10 L. or upwards.

And further enacts, That where any Judgment ſhall be obtained in any inferiour Court, where no ſpecial Bail is required, and the Defendant ſhall not reſide within the Juriſdiction of ſuch Court, That then the Judges, or Steward of ſuch Court, may iſſue out a Writ of *Fieri facias*, or *Capias ad ſatisfaciendum* againſt the Body or Goods of ſuch Defendant, to be executed in like manner as Executions iſſued out of the Court of King's Bench. And this Act ſhall continue for Five Years, and from thence to the End of the next Seſſion of Parliament.

This is ſuch a Time of Speculation among ſome People, that ſcarce any Thing paſſes without their Remarks and Suggeſtions, even with Reſpect to Conferences held with, and private Audiences given to Foreign Miniſters. Among the reſt, they pretend to give out, That large Offers had been made for reſtoring Gibralter and Portmahon to the Crown of Spain. But we may be aſſured Great Britain will never part with theſe two Places; tho, according to what we are told of a new Treaty between the Emperor and the King of Spain, the former engaged to get them reſtored by Force of Arms, if other Means will not do; and the latter was to Guarranty the Oſtend Company in Trade. Mean Time there is a Letter from India adviſing, That a Ship belonging to Oſtend was ſurpriſed by the Indians, and the Men murdered, and both Ship and Cargo deſtroyed.

By a Holland Mail juſt arrived we have Letters from Embden, importing, That on the 8th Inſt. 80 Horſe, 100 Foot, 400 Militia, and 2 or 300 Boors, with 3 heavy Cannon, marched from Aurich and attacked the Dutch Garriſon lately put into Leer in Eaſt-Frieſland; but after a Diſpute of 7 Hours, were obliged to retire: However, within a few Hours after, two Imperial Commiſſaries came to the Magiſtrates of Embden, and demanded of them to withdraw the ſaid Garriſon. What may be the Conſequence hereof, we know not; but 'tis believed it may quicken the two remaining Provinces for a Reſolution of acceding to the Treaty of Hanover. 'Tis ſaid the Beſiegers had 89 Men taken Priſoners, beſides many killed; and that the Loſs of the Beſieged was not great, excepting that their Houſes were much damaged by Cannonading.

We hear that Yeſterday Admiral Hoſier ſailed from St. Helens with his Squadron for the Weſt Indies. But 'tis not known when the Squadron will ſail for the Mediterranean. S. S. Stock is riſen to 108. Annuities 100 1 half. India 154. Bank 126.

From the Poſt Man, April 9.

Petersburg, March 23. They write from Vienna, That the Porte are going to declare War againſt Sultan Eſreff, the Succeſſor of Meriweys.

London, April 9. We hear that Wedneſday laſt James Douglaſs Eſq; was married to her Grace the Dutcheſs Dowager of Ancaſter; and that he was next Day introduced to his Majeſty, who received him very graciouſly.

On Monday next the Lord Carpenter, accompanied with ſome Officers, is to ſet out for Dover to embark for Calais, and to proceed from thence by Land to Marſeilles, where a Britiſh Man of War is to wait his Lordſhips Arriv', in order to carry him to his Government of Portmahon.

We hear that Tomorrow the Court goes in to Mourning for the Death of the late Elector of Bavaria.

The Parliament is adjourned by Reaſon of the Holy Days to Wedneſday next.

Yeſterday her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales went to St. James's to ſee the young Princeſs Amelia, who is indiſpoſed of a Cold.

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ADVERTISEMENTS.

*** Stoln (about the End of December last) Three Silver MEDALS: One, about 3 Inches Diameter, and somewhat thicker than a Crown-piece, having on one Side a Column or Pillar, at which two People are kneeling; and on the Reverse, Chariots and People in them. Another, about two Inches and an half Diameter, and not so thick as the former, having on one Side also a Column or Pillar, whereat are standing 2 or 3 People, two of them joining Hands; and on the Reverse, two People embracing other, having Bunches of Grapes or other Fruit in their Hand: The 3d is some more than 2 Inches Diameter, and thicker than 2 Crown-pieces, and filled with many small Figures. On all the 3 are several Latin Inscriptions. Whoever brings all or any of the saids Medals to John Blair, Master of John's Coffeehouse, or to John Loch, Master of the Laigh Coffeehouse, shall have the Value of the Silver thereof in Money, and no Questions ask'd, And whoever shall make Discovery of these Medals, so as they may be recovered, shall be sufficiently rewarded.

*** That the Mansion-house of CARLOWRIE, with the Office-houses, Stables, &c. lying about 5 Miles West of Edinburgh, are to be sett. Any Person who has a-mind to the same, may call for Alexander Ramsay Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in the Head of Fodrig's Wynd.

Fishery-Office, 14th April, 1726.

The Managers of the Copartnery are to to expose to public Sale on TUESDAY the NINETEENTH of April Inst. at their Office, at 3 after Noon, at the following low Rates, for the Encouragement of Bidders, viz.

1 Lot, containing 7 C. 1 q. 23 l. Coils and Pieces of new Ropes, at 25 sh. per Hundred.

4 New Herring Nets, at 3 l. 10 sh. sterl. each Net.

5 Lots, containing 80 dress'd Nets, at 40 sh. st. each Net.

8 Lots, containing 110 undress'd ditto, at 15 sh. each Net

Utensils for a Twine-work per Inventary, to be set up at l. 9, 17, 8. sterl.

Ditto for a Rope Band, per ditto, to be set up at l. 17, 10. sh. sterl.

Ditto for a Barking-house, per ditto, to be set up at l. 14, 16 sh. 4 d. sterl.

The above Goods will be shown at Leith by David Daes, the Copartnery's Agent; and the Inventaries and Articles of Roup, at their Office in the Lawn-market.

Also there will be exposed to Sale at the said Office upon Tuesday the 19th of April next, at the same Hour, 88 Lasts 1 3d of Herring-barrels, lying at Peterhead, in one Lot, at 14 sh. sterl. per Last; and the Copartnery's haill Farms of Peterhead for Crop 1725, consisting of 180 Bolls Oat Meal, 170 Bolls Bear, 20 Bolls of each Kind, less or more, which will be set up at 4 Pounds *Scots* per Boll, over-head, and delivered at *Peterhead* by the usual Measure.

Attendance will be given by the Officers of the Fishery Copartnery, upon Monday the 18th Inst. from 9 a clock till 12 in the Forenoon, and from 2 till 5 in the Afternoon, at the Burrow-room; and upon Tuesday, from 9 till 12 in the Forenoon, for delivering the Certificates to the Adventurers in the Copartnery, for two Classes, viz. To such as did subscribe for themselves, and, To such as have given in Bonds of Relief.

N. B. Notice will be given in this Paper when the other Classes are to call for theirs.

*** That the Town and Lands of DALMARNOCK, with the Oak-Wood and Fishings belonging thereto, lying on the Side of the River of Tay, within two Miles of Dunkeld; are to be exposed to voluntary Sale on Thursday the Nineteenth Day of May next, at the Sheriff-Clerk's Office in Perth, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon. The Lands hold Feu of the Crown for a small Feu-duty, and pay of yearly free Rent to the Master, after Deduction of Ministers Stipends, Schoolmasters *Salaries*, and all other public Burdens, the *Sum* of Three hundred and eleven Pounds, seventeen *Shilling*, four Pennies, *Scots* Money. And beside the foresaid yearly Rent, the Tenants constantly and regularly pay one full Years Rent of Grassum, at the Expiration of every seven Years. The Conditions of the *Sale*, and *Progress* of the Writs are to be seen in the Hands of the *Sheriff* Clerk of Perth, and John MacEuen Writer in Dunkeld.

N. B. That there is a very convenient Dwelling House and Gardens, suteable to the Estate; and that the Oak Woods and other Woods belonging to the said Lands, are not considered in the foresaid Rental, and therefore are to be sold jointly with the Lands, or seperately by themselves, conform to the Conditions of the Sale. Nota also, That the *Salmond* Fishings on the Water of Tay, being usually in the Master's Possession, make up no *Part* of the foresaid Rental, but the Value will be considered in the Conditions of the *Sale*.

*** There is a Piece of SILVER PLATE, Fifteen Pound Sterl. Value, set out by the Right Honourable the Earl of March and Burgh of Peebles, to be run for on the usual Ground, upon Tuesday the 26th of April Inst. by any Horse, Mare or Gelding not under Three at least, belonging to several Owners. This Course is to be four times round, & each Horse is to carry 8 *Scots Stone* Trois Weight, Whip, Saddle and Bridle being Part of the Weight. They are to be at Peebles Three free Days before the Race, and obtain themselves instantly entred by the Town-clerk, giving up the Colour of their Horses, and Names of the Riders. They are to be free of all In-puts. No Crossing or Jostling to be allowed. The rest of the Articles to be seen in the Town-clerk's Hands. THERE IS likewise another Piece of Silver Plate, Twenty Pound *Sterling* Value, set out by the foresaid Right Honourable Earl of March and Burgh of Peebles, to be run for on the usual Ground, upon Thursday the Fifth of May next, in Heats the best of Three, three times round each Heat, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding, not under Three at least, belonging to several Owners, each Horse to carry 8 Scots *Stone* Trois Weight, Whip, Bridle and Saddle being part of the Weight. The Horses are to be at Peebles Ten free Days before the Race, and obtain themselves entred Five Days before the Course, giving up the Colour of these Horses and Names of their Riders, and paying in each two Guineas of In-puts. The rest of the Articles to be seen in the Town clerk's Hand. N. B. Whatever Horses come in timeously to the first Plate, and continue in the Burgh, are privileged to run at the next Plate in Terms of the Articles: But such other Horses as run not at that free Plate, are to be in Ten free Days before the May Plate, otherwise they'll not be allowed to run. THERE is yet farder a Piece of Silver Plate, Four Guineas Value, to be run for on Friday the 6th of May: And the Articles whereof may be adjusted by the Magistrates.

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